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For: METHODS FOR EFFECTUATING mRNA
TRANSFER OF GENETIC INFORMATION
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THE SAME

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

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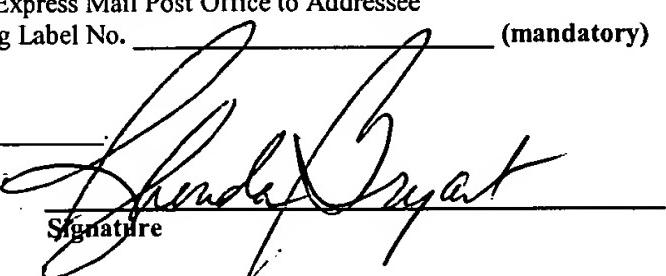
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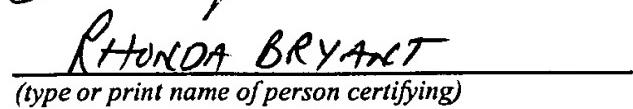
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1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three months to respond to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2003.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1..127.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:
three months

Fee for small entity:
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on May 6, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$475.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1943. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

To the extent there is any fee required in connection with the receipt, acceptance and/or consideration of this paper and/or any accompanying papers submitted herewith, please charge all such fees to Deposit Account 50-1943.

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